How can the international process best support national level work on gender responsive NDC implementation

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Increase representation and participation of women

Two year work programme on gender to 2016

Three year work programme on gender to 2019

Gender balance goal, standing item on COP agenda, reporting

Human rights language, capacity-building, adaption

Gender Action Plan

But that is not the whole picture...
**Lima work programme on gender – enhanced and extended to 2019**

Provides a **framework** for ongoing work on gender equality and women’s empowerment under the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement.

Preamble ‘underscores’ importance of **coherence** between gender-responsive climate policies and action and gender parity in Convention processes and international instruments and outcomes, including CEDAW and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

❖ A number of ‘firsts’:

- Reporting requirements for all **constituted (decision-making) bodies** under the UNFCCC process

- Invitation to countries to appoint and provide support for **national gender focal point** for climate negotiations, implementation and monitoring

- Requested SBI to develop a **gender action plan** in 2017
LWPG, Gender Action Plan and the SDGs
Gender action plan established at COP 23 in 2017

**Five priority areas**

- Capacity-building, knowledge sharing and communication
- Gender balance, participation and women’s leadership
- Coherence
- Gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation
- Monitoring and reporting

**Submissions 2019**

- Information on the differentiated impacts of climate change on women and men, with special attention paid to local communities and indigenous peoples
- Integration of gender considerations into national adaptation, mitigation, capacity-building, Action for Climate Empowerment, technology and finance policies, plans and actions
Gender action plan established at COP 23 in 2017

Workshop SB50, June 2019

❖ Short and long-term impacts of the UNFCCC gender action plan

Review of Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan

❖ The COP requested SBI 50 to initiate the review of the areas of progress, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken under the LWPG and its GAP on the basis of all submissions received and reports produced under the LWPG and its GAP, for consideration and adoption at COP 25 (December 2019)

Submissions 2019

❖ Information on the implementation of the gender action plan, identifying areas of progress, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken in subsequent action plans so as to inform the synthesis report on this topic to be prepared by the secretariat for consideration at SBI 51 (December 2019)
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Discussion questions

- How can the international process best support national level work on gender responsive NDCs?
- What activities at the international level are most relevant/impactful at the national level?
- What inputs are needed from the national level to make it more effective?
Discussion questions

National level activities can contribute to an upward spiral of achievement and ambition on gender-responsive mitigation and adaptation at the international level. To achieve this, how can countries enhance:

- **Alignment**: e.g. better articulate inputs / outputs of different climate change instruments guided/mandated by the Convention such as NAPs, National Communications, NDCs, etc. to achieve more effective and inclusive outcomes that raise ambition and accelerate NDC implementation.

- **Coordination**: e.g. strengthen involvement of gender focal point appointed to the Convention as part of the national delegations so that they can follow up on gender mainstreaming into key national policy / planning instruments and provide feedback to the international process.

- **Mutual exchange**: e.g. improve institutional coordination at the national level to reflect / translate relevant experiences at the international level.